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He knows the drill



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Army Lt. Col. Robert Neese, a dentist at the Babenhausen Dental Clinic in Germany, works on some of Pvt. Nathan Klick's teeth on Monday. Klick, a communications specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Service, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, recently came up on a nondeployable list because of his cavities. See story, page 6

New war, new tack?

Terrorists present challenge to long-held Powell Doctrine

BY LISA BURGESS
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WASHINGTON — Since the overwhelming victory in the Persian Gulf War, U.S. military officers have praised the "Powell doctrine," which says force should never be used unless the goal and exit strategies are clear, and then only on such a scale that victory is assured.

But in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, the doctrine, conceived by Secretary of State Colin Powell and now taught in military schools from the service academies to the senior War Colleges as the criteria for participation in military operations, appears to be out the window.

President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld have both publicly struggled with the doctrine's central tenets: defining the Bush administration's goals in the new war, who the enemy is and when the war will be over.

Officials have offered conflicting statements; during a Sept. 20 Pentagon press conference, Rumsfeld told reporters that "It's easier to say what [the goal] is not, than what it is."

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Rumsfeld went on to say, as he has repeated several times, that the United States has no expectation that it can root out "all terrorists everywhere, for all time."

But on Sept. 30, during an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press," Rumsfeld said that "the goal is victory — when [terrorists] are no longer free to go out and terrorize the world."

Moreover, neither President Bush nor Rumsfeld have said with clarity what, exactly, the military's role will be in this war.

Both have repeatedly warned of a protracted, multi-phased struggle in which the "full toolbox" of military, diplomatic, law enforcement and economic capabilities will be brought to bear against terrorists.

They have spoken of fighting both terrorists "and the states that harbor them" — but they shy away from discussing attacks on specific countries, including Afghanistan, home base to prime terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden.

For military officers trained to think of war in terms of the clear-cut Powell doctrine, the current state of affairs "is a major sea change," according to a retired Marine colonel who served on Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf's staff during Desert Storm.

The Powell Doctrine

When Powell, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, took on the task of leading the largest field campaign fought by U.S. troops since World War II, he designed the force around a set of governing principles that later became known as the Powell Doctrine.

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Attack on America

Defense review: Surprise is No. 1 threat

BY LISA BURGESS
Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces must be sized and equipped to deal with a future global security environment where the only elements that can be counted on will be surprise and uncertainty, according to the Bush administration's just-released strategic planning blueprint.

On Monday morning, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent the document, which is called the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), to Capitol Hill, meeting the deadline set by Congress when it passed a law in 1997 requiring the Defense Department to develop a long-range strategic vision every four years.

For the next four years, beginning in fiscal 2003, the services will use the 2001 QDR's views about national threats, military capabilities, and strategies to guide their own budgets and major weapons development programs.

The 2001 QDR was in its final

Attacks resulted in wide-scope revisions

draft stage when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, a senior defense official said.

The document's authors immediately began reviewing their efforts to see if the QDR addressed the new security environment that emerged as a result of the attacks. The shocking events led senior defense officials to emphasize that tomorrow's military must be ready to respond to events beyond the ability of even the most astute planners to forecast today.

"Surprise must be a critical factor in considering the future," Rumsfeld said in a farewell speech to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Army Gen. Henry Shelton on Monday.

The QDR's Foreword addresses the new environment by saying, "The attack on the United States and the war that has been

visited upon us highlights a fundamental condition of our circumstances: we cannot and will not know precisely where and when America's interests will be threatened, when America will come under attack, or when Americans might die as the result of aggression. ... Adapting to surprise — adapting quickly and decisively — must therefore be a condition of planning."

In addition to the theme of surprise, the 65-page document addresses the following:

■ **Forward deterrence:** The United States must continue to conduct its affairs in the world and should keep a forward presence in Europe and elsewhere. The document also says that the ability for the United States to defend itself effectively will depend on its ability to form coalitions with allies.

■ **Asymmetric threats:** "Even

before Sept. 11," the QDR's authors were convinced that terrorism, chemical and biological attacks, cyberwarfare, and long-range missile attacks "would transform the atmosphere in which we live," the senior defense official said.

■ **Homeland security:** "In the end, this is a task that in large part should be taken up by National Guard and Reserve forces," the senior official said, although some active-duty forces will also be needed to provide "a seamless mix."

(The Sept. 11 attacks caused this section to be beefed up, with less emphasis placed on President Bush's favorite project, a national missile defense shield, and more on the practical issue of which troops should be assigned to this task, according to a defense official who was involved in writing the QDR.)

■ **Transformational capabilities:** Issues include protecting the base of operations; projecting power into areas where the enemy does not want U.S. forces; the need to deny adversaries sanctuary; space operations; and leveraging information technology.

■ **Force sizing:** The force must be large enough to handle homeland defense; occupy sufficient forward bases to provide deterrence; defeat two adversaries within overlapping time frames — one of whom would be decisively defeated, to the point of occupying its capital — and to conduct small-scale contingencies such as peacekeeping.

Earlier in the summer, military services, in particular the Army, were concerned that Rumsfeld would use the QDR to recommend force cuts. But "even prior to Sept. 11, it already looked like the [size] of the force was about where it needed to be," the senior defense official said.

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Pakistan president thinks U.S. will strike Afghanistan

BY AMIR ZIA

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's president said Monday he

believes the United States will launch a military strike against Afghanistan, after the Taliban's supreme leader told the Afghan people that "Americans don't have the courage to come here."

Asked by the British Broadcasting Corp. if the Taliban's days are numbered, the Pakistani president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, replied: "It appears so."

"It appears that the United States will take action in Afghanistan, and we have conveyed this to the Taliban," Musharraf told the BBC, referring to the Islamic militia that rules most of Afghanistan and refuses to hand over Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

He added that Pakistan had tried its best to head off a confrontation over bin Laden and the Saudi exile's lieutenants.

In Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, meanwhile, the first World Food Program convoy since the start of the crisis arrived Monday. Eight trucks carrying 218 tons of wheat made it through to the city after a bone-jarring journey over rutted roads, WFP spokesman Khalid Mansour said.

A U.N. humanitarian aid delivery of 40 tons of food and other supplies for Afghan children also arrived in Turkmenistan, which shares a 459-mile border with Afghanistan.

Fighting continued in the north of Afghanistan, with one district whose capture the opposition alliance had reported on Sunday apparently changing hands again. Taliban officials quoted by the Afghan Islamic Press, a private news agency close to the Taliban, said their fighters had retaken



The Associated Press

United Nations Undersecretary-General Kenzo Oshima, right, meets with Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Monday in Islamabad, Pakistan. Musharraf said he thinks the United States will launch a military strike against Taliban-led Afghanistan.

the district of Qadis in northeastern Bagdis province.

Mullah Mohammed Omar, the Taliban's supreme leader, denied any role in the terrorist attacks and blamed them on unspecified U.S. policies. In an interview with Taliban-run Kabul Radio, he repeatedly warned the United States to "think and think again" about attacking Afghanistan, which drove out Soviet invaders in the 1979-89 war.

Britain, meanwhile, has frozen \$88 million in assets linked to the Taliban, Britain's Treasury said Monday. The actions included a "substantial" amount located in a European bank in London.

Musharraf told CNN in an interview aired Sunday that hopes that the Taliban will hand over bin Laden and accede to other U.S. demands are "very dim."

He confirmed the United States has asked Pakistan to share its intelligence on the Taliban and bin Laden and has requested permission to use Pakistani airspace and logistics facilities.

The Pakistani leader also said he was confident about the security of his country's nuclear facilities, saying "there is no chance of these assets falling into the hands of extremists."

Pakistan has lent its backing to the United States in the confrontation over bin Laden, but outbursts of anti-American sentiment have the government worried. At a rally near the volatile border city of Peshawar on Monday, a prominent Pakistani cleric told hundreds of followers to kill any American they can find if Afghanistan comes under attack.

The Taliban, meanwhile,

cracked down on any of their own citizens thought to sympathize with the enemy.

Taliban authorities, in a statement distributed by the Afghan Islamic Press, said six men were arrested for distributing pamphlets supporting the United States and Afghanistan's exiled king — a crime that could be punishable by death.

Top clerics from three provinces also issued an edict Sunday saying any Afghan believed to sympathize with the United States or the former king should be heavily fined and have their house burned down.

Afghanistan's 86-year-old former king, Mohammad Zahir Shah, has been mentioned as a possible unifying symbol should the Taliban regime be toppled.

The northern alliance, the rebel group trying to topple the Taliban, and the ex-king, who's been in exile in Rome since 1973, agreed Monday to convene an emergency council of tribal and military leaders to establish a new government structure for Afghanistan.

However, the Taliban have rejected any role for the former king, and it is unclear whether tribal leaders who oppose the Taliban would want to join in a council closely identified with the northern alliance, which they also oppose.

In an apparent attempt to counter the king's influence, the Taliban announced a power-sharing arrangement Monday with tribes in three southern provinces.

The Taliban, which largely represents the country's Pashtun majority, would likely collapse without the support of the cultural minority tribes.

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Attack on America

Troops, families face realities of war

BY RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

Body bags and mourners. Heartfelt eulogies spoken over flag-draped caskets.

These may be images of the near future.

America's leaders have said to expect casualties in the war on terrorism.

And America has replied, go ahead.

A poll says Americans overwhelmingly favor military action to combat terrorism and most expect casualties to exceed 1,000. More than one in four think casualties will pass the 5,000 mark.

This differs from the recent conventional wisdom suggesting Americans did not want to expend lives in pursuit of foreign policy aims.

Carl Swanson, who spent more than 30 years in the U.S. Navy and retired last year as a captain, said America's "wake-up call" came on Sept. 11, the day hijacked aircraft crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania countryside.

"Nobody wants to see anybody come home in a body bag," said Swanson, now an assistant policy officer at the U.S. Navy's European headquarters in London. "I think the American public is ready to accept some loss of life in defense of freedom. I have a lot of confidence in the American people."

In fact, Swanson said he never believed Americans would not accept casualties if the cause was just.

"And I think this cause is just," he said.

He said the leadership in America has been clear in laying out the difficulties ahead, including the probable loss of life. Instead

of worrying about getting re-elected, Swanson said, "they are providing the leadership we elected them to provide."

Of course, people in the military have a different view about casualties. Although they could be on the front line, they wear the uniform, which carries an inherent acceptance of risk.

"It's a fact of life being in the military. It's something you have to deal with. ... It's part of the military business."

Petty Officer 1st Class
Cindy Stevenson
U.S. Navy Europe

"It's a fact of life being in the military," said Petty Officer 1st Class Cindy Stevenson, also at the Navy headquarters. "It's something you have to deal with. If it happens, it happens. It's part of the military business."

Her Navy colleagues in Naples agreed.

"I think we should retaliate even if, unfortunately, it means losing some people," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Georgia

Brown. "If we let it go, it's just going to get worse. That's what we're serving for — to protect our country and our people."

Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Rein-smith, an information technology specialist in Naples, said America might have to lose lives to save lives.

"If we don't do something about it, we're going to lose more Americans," he said.

Perhaps, he said, such action after the USS Cole was attacked in Yemen would have prevented the more recent attacks.

"You can hand me a gun right now and I'd be ready to go," he said. "I have no qualms about going."

U.S. Army Sgt. Vincent Placanco is also ready to put his life on

the line.

"If I have to go, I have to go," said the soldier with the 71st Ordnance Company in Babenhausen, Germany. "It's just part of my duty."

But accepting the loss of life is not easy. Some struggle with the desire to retaliate and the horror of the cost.

"I think America favors this war," said Gina Richmond, from Bamberg, Germany. "It's hard to say if I favor it. I guess I would agree with my husband [Sgt. Bryan Richmond] going to fight if it was going to make a difference."

Richmond said she thought the outcome and length of the war on terrorism would depend on America's allies.

"We could definitely win this war, if we have help and cooperation from other countries," she said. "I think if we were to go in and attack the [terrorists] training camps and we get support from other countries it could be a quick war. But, if we don't get the support we need, it could be a never-ending battle."

Many families are torn.

"In one way, I feel very angry, sad about what happened," said Angela Bartrug, of Darmstadt, Germany. "In another way, I

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She is a soldier, too, but her current pregnancy excludes her from any part in the upcoming action. Her husband, however, also wears Army green and that worries her.

"I would definitely be upset if he was sent because he's my husband," she said. "I love him and don't want him to get hurt."

In the end, however, she knows doing nothing is not the answer. "Something needs to be done," she said.

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Poll: 9 out of 10 Americans support military response

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The two weeks since the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington have done nothing to dim the public's demand for a full-scale response, which large majorities of Americans believe should include killing or capturing Osama bin Laden and overthrowing Afghanistan's Taliban, a new Washington Post poll found.

The survey determined that Americans have continued to rally around Bush since the attacks. A record nine in 10 Americans backed Bush's handling of his job — seven in 10 endorsed him strongly — and an equal proportion favored military response to the attacks. The public also shows broad willingness to forego many civil liberties to give the authorities more police power to fight terrorists.

And, for the first time in three decades, a majority of Americans say they trust the federal government to do the right thing — a sharp but perhaps temporary reversal in the way citizens view their political institutions. Nearly two in three Americans said they trusted the government in Washington to do the right thing either "just about always" or "most of the time," the poll found. That is more than double the percentage who expressed such confidence in a Post-ABC News survey in April, 2000, and more than three times the proportion who trusted the federal government at the low point in 1994.

Before a shot has been fired, Americans have expectations of victory that far exceed the Bush administration's stated war aims.

Fully 87 percent of Americans believe the United States "absolutely must" capture or kill bin Laden and break up his al-Qaida network, and eight in 10 said they were confident that would happen. Ninety-one percent said the country must significantly reduce the number of terrorist attacks on U.S. targets, and the same number were confident this would be done.

Smaller but still significant majorities favored overthrowing the Taliban government in Afghanistan and reducing terrorist attacks against other countries. Even the most ambitious option, overthrowing Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, was called a "must" by 39 percent of Americans and a good idea by another 33 percent. In all cases, only the tiniest of minorities opposed the action.

The survey found that even if the United States were to defeat bin Laden, topple the Taliban in Afghanistan, overthrow Saddam and significantly reduce terrorist attacks at home and abroad, two-thirds of American still would not consider the war on terrorism won if another attack like the Sept. 11 assault on the Pentagon and World Trade Center occurred.

Michael O'Hanlon, a military specialist at The Brookings Institution, said the survey indicates Americans may be "a little bit unrealistic," particularly in their confidence of defeating bin Laden. But he said the expansive hopes "show the goal is not just vengeance, it's prevention."

The poll was conducted by telephone September 25-27 among a randomly selected national sample of 1,215 adults. Margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

'Americans don't have the courage to come here'

BY AMIR SHAH
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The leader of Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban told his people Sunday not to worry about U.S. attacks on their country because Americans are cowards.

"Americans don't have the courage to come here," Mullah Mohammed Omar said in an interview broadcast by Taliban-controlled Kabul Radio. He urged Afghans to remain calm and go about their business without trying to flee cities that might be targets of U.S. air strikes.

The United States has threatened military action against Afghanistan unless the Taliban hand over Osama bin Laden, whom the Americans consider the mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Bin Laden has denied any role in the attacks, and Afghan authorities say the United States has offered no proof to back up its allegations against the exiled Saudi dissident. The Taliban said Sunday that bin Laden is under their "control" in a secret location and

offered negotiations with the United States, something Washington refused.

During the interview, Omar repeatedly warned the United States to "think and think again" about attacking his country, which drove out Soviet invaders with U.S. assistance in the 1979-1989 war.

"If you attack us, there will be no difference between you and the Russians," the Taliban leader said. "We are peace-loving and we hate terrorism. The murder of one person is the same as the murder of all humanity."

Omar instead blamed the Sept. 11 attacks on American policies — without stating which ones. "Whatever the Americans are facing is the result of their policies," he said, "and the U.S. authorities should review their policies and should not unnecessarily create problems for Muslims."

Omar defended the Taliban's stewardship of this country since they took power in 1996.

"Before the formation of the Taliban government, there was complete anarchy," he said. "No body was safe. But now, there is

complete peace in our country and there is no room for communism."

Omar also discounted any role for the former king, Mohammad Zahir Shah, who lives in exile in Rome. The 86-year-old former monarch told a U.S. congressional delegation Sunday that he was by America's side in the fight against terrorism and would back a U.S.-led liberation force to oust the Taliban.

"He should be ashamed of what he is doing," Omar said of the former king. "He should be ashamed."



Attack on America

Pakistani air bases possible U.S. hubs

Karachi eyed as potential refueling station for American warships

BY MARNI MCENTEE
Stars and Stripes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Five Pakistani airfields and the Arabian seaport of Karachi could become key staging or support hubs for U.S. troops in an attack on terrorism, Pakistan military analysts said.

Air bases near Peshawar, on Pakistan's northwest border, and near the west-central city of Quetta could give fighter jets or helicopter-borne special operations troops easy access to Afghanistan, said Lt. Gen. Talat Masood, a freelance columnist and former defense secretary of production. The Quetta base is now home to Pakistani air force F-16 fighter jets.

"They're on the supply lines, so the [military] could be replenished in that sense," Masood said. "You can also, from a security point of view," protect American forces, he said.

An airstrip at Budabir, about 30 miles from Peshawar, was once used by Gary Powers, the U.S. pilot whose spy plane was shot down over the former Soviet Union in 1960.

The air bases near Peshawar and Quetta are key because of their proximity to Afghanistan, although three other bases around the country might be made available to U.S. troops. The Pakistani government is believed to have offered a smaller airfield about 10 miles from Omara on the Arabian Sea that can accommodate Boeing 737s; an isolated Kharan airfield near Chigai, where Pakistan exploded its underground nuclear device in 1998; and a small airstrip in Chitral also in northwest Pakistan, The Associated Press reported.

The port in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, with 12 million people, could serve as a vital refueling site for the armada of warships massing in the Arabian Sea, Masood said. Analysts have said aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf will have a major role in any attack on Afghanistan. The carriers, which each have more than

Possible support or staging hubs for U.S. troops

Five Pakistani airfields and the port of Karachi could play an important role for U.S. troops in an attack on terrorism, according to some Pakistani officials.



5,000 people and 75 aircraft on board, essentially are floating air bases. Unlike the relatively volatile countries surrounding Afghanistan, the U.S. military doesn't need anyone's permission to launch an attack from its ships at sea.

Proximity might be the sticking point, however. That is why America has sent military delegations to Pakistan in hopes of securing other staging options.

"We have become — for the second time in 20 years — a frontline state. Not only a frontline state, but we are a key state now because of the access to Afghanistan's border," said Agha Shahi, former foreign minister.

American and British special operations troops reportedly al-

ready have been in Afghanistan, searching out potential targets for a larger military strike, but news reports indicated they had staged from Uzbekistan, north of Afghanistan.

Pakistani and American military officials have been mum on the possibility of U.S. troops using military bases in Pakistan, which shares a 1,500-mile border with Afghanistan.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has agreed to provide logistics and intelligence support to U.S. military officials, as well as use of its air space. But Taliban supporters and student groups have held regular protests since Musharraf announced the deal. That could cause problems for the American military, which

often cites force protection as its No. 1 priority.

"I think it would be foolish to station ground troops in Pakistan for the long term because they would spend most of their time protecting those troops, so the purpose would be lost," said Shireen Mazari, director general of the Institute of Strategic Studies in Islamabad.

Because of the tensions over any American presence here, military experts predict that any use of Pakistan facilities will be limited to the short term.

Masood and others said they expected American military planners to choose isolated bases under heavy security to protect against violent opposition groups. That means the base at Peshawar, whose population largely supports the Taliban, might not be the first choice. In addition, more than 2 million Afghan refugees live near the border outside Peshawar.

"I would consider it a little close to a very volatile area," Masood said of the Pakistan air force base near Peshawar.

Since any ground campaign is expected to rely on special-operations troops to ferret out nomadic terrorist cells, much of the activity at Pakistani bases would be done covertly and might be nearly invisible to the general public.

"Even if this is going to be the so-called long-term war against terrorism, it's going to be clandestine and the cooperation that is going to be there is going to be at the level of intelligence exchanges," Mazari said. "Everything else is going to be covert. It's not

going to be an overt war."

In the end, Pakistan's largest supporting role likely will be in helping provide intelligence about Afghanistan, the Taliban and the bin Laden terrorist network.

"Pakistan knows Afghanistan inside out because we were involved in the war against the Soviet forces and that was, mind you, a clandestine, unconventional guerrilla war," Mazari said.

U.S. forces might find they are turning to Pakistan for information not only on Afghanistan, but to maintain a line of communication with the Taliban. Pakistan is the only country in the world that retains diplomatic relations

"I think we have invaluable intelligence that we can give. Probably the only other people who have almost as much would be the Russians."

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in Islamabad

with the Taliban. Although Pakistani diplomats have left Kabul, Afghanistan, the Taliban ambassador remains in Islamabad.

The Taliban ambassador said this week that the group knows bin Laden's whereabouts. So far, however, the Taliban has resisted calls by the United States and Britain to turn over the alleged terrorist mastermind.

Pakistan also understands the mindset of the *mujahadeens*, or Islamic holy warriors, who fought for two decades against the Soviets in Afghanistan. Mazari said it is likely they were trained in Pakistan.

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Pakistani experts see limited U.S. military success

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Whatever the U.S. military does against terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden or the ruling Taliban in Afghanistan, Pakistani defense experts predict only limited success.

U.S. military forces poised for a mission unlike any other in history could face rugged terrain, land mines and shoulder-launched Stinger missiles with little intelligence information.

While Pakistan's government has pledged its support and its military bases, U.S. forces also could face a backlash from Muslim fundamentalists who are shouting for a holy war before the first bomb drops.

Retired Pakistani generals and top defense strategists said it would be a difficult, if not impossible, task for conventional military forces.

"I give them two years," retired Lt. Gen. Hameeb Gul said. "Two years maximum for you."

Gul, a former intelligence chief credited with helping drive the Soviet Union out of Afghanistan in 1989, predicts that American troops will meet the same fate as their Cold War enemy.

In his home in Islamabad, he has a piece of the Berlin Wall given to him by Germany. Underneath the chunk, glued to the plaque, the inscription reads, "Respectfully to the man who helped deliver the first blow."

America's military force will not succeed,

he explained, if troops staged in neighboring Pakistan have to protect themselves from hostile Muslim groups. Although Pakistani troops would help provide security, Americans could be sucked into a second conflict, a civil war between the government and hard-line Islamic organizations. It would be a force-protection nightmare.

"Your lines of communications will not be secure," he said. "And in my view, no soldier worth the soldier's cap he has ever worn in his life will risk this type of operation when his base and his lines of communication are not secure. War is nothing but a control on the lines of communication."

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Biting into readiness

Leaders scramble to ensure troops' teeth meet rules

BY ERIC B. PILGRIM
Stars and Stripes

BABENHAUSEN, Germany — Bad teeth and the unknown can keep somebody from heading to war.

Shortly after terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11 and President Bush told troops to "get ready," units all over Europe started to do just that.

Troops began marching into dental offices trying to get removed from Class 3 and 4 lists; lists dental officials say could stop them from going anywhere.

Despite reported shortages of dental workers, dental officials at U.S. Army Europe and U.S. Air Forces Europe are reporting that units are ready.

"They're ready to deploy, dentally," said Air Force Col. Robert Tollefson, command dental surgeon for USAFE.

Both services have high goals for keeping troops war-ready, each at around 95 percent. Army officials in Europe said they are just under the goal, at around 92 percent. Air Force officials in Europe said they are at their goal, 95 percent in Class 1 and 2. Officials with both services attribute their high percentages to a policy of aggressive encouragement and unit cooperation.

Dr. (Col.) Richard Parsons, the commander for dental clinics in Darmstadt and Babenhausen, said they rely on unit cooperation because it is not their responsibility to get patients in the door.

"It is the responsibility of each commander to ensure soldiers get in," Parsons said.

Units in Babenhausen usually do well in getting their people in for checkups, he said. Last week, the units were sitting at around 97 percent.

Other units don't. Parsons wouldn't go into specifics but said there are some units hanging at around 80 percent, while others are at 100 percent.

Parsons visited the Babenhausen clinic last week, which is short a dentist. While there, several soldiers walked in for checkups and minor dental work. One dental assistant at the clinic said 20 military patients daily show for routine visits; some for checkups, others for fillings.

Both the Army and the Air Force work from a four-part classification list to determine who



ERIC PILGRIM/Stars and Stripes

Lucia Harvey, a dental assistant, helps the Babenhausen Dental Clinic dentist, Dr. (Lt. Col.) Robert Neese, fill some of Pvt. Nathan Klick's teeth on Monday. Dentists at the clinic say the unit is always above the standard, currently able to deploy 97 percent of its soldiers.

should be seen and when. This list is a working database that is updated monthly to keep track of every troop, Parsons said.

Troops who are listed as Class 1 have no problems with their

can be a problem.

"That's a potential for serious infection and pain," said Dr. (Col.) Conrad Bodai, commander of Europe Regional Dental Command.

The last classification, Class 4, is the great unknown. Troops on this list have not been seen in a dentist's office in over a year, so dentists don't know about their teeth.

Parsons said the dental readiness list is extremely important because teeth are still an important part of body identification, despite the growth of

DNA testing. DNA testing is a slow and expensive process, according to Parsons, and teeth often can survive severe forms of destruction.

"The teeth are pretty durable," Parsons said. "They can withstand a lot of heat."

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teeth and have completed an annual checkup with the dentist. Those in Class 2 have minor problems that could be left for a year without the need for a visit, what dentists call routine dental work.

Deployment problems arise in Class 3 and 4.

Class 3 is listed as abscesses, unfinished root canals and rampant decay. Even wisdom teeth

Showing their colors



DAVID JOSAR/Stars and Stripes

After a furious 30 minutes of painting, preschoolers at the Kelley Child Development Center in Stuttgart, Germany, display the paper bags they painted red, white and blue on Monday. The bags will be donated to the Kelley Barracks Commissary.

French bank freezes assets linked to bin Laden

PARIS — French bank Credit Lyonnais has frozen assets belonging to Al Shamal Islamic Bank, a Sudanese institution whose name has been linked to suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden.

Al Shamal was not on the initial list of 27 groups and individuals with suspected terrorist links published by U.S. authorities last week. But the Khartoum-based bank is quietly appearing on blacklists being circulated to banks by regulatory authorities in Europe.

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Lone dissenter



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A lone protester occupies an anti-Navy protest camp that is usually packed, the night before bombing exercises begin in Vieques, Puerto Rico, on Sept. 23. The terrorist attacks against the United States have blunted the movement to halt U.S. Navy bombing exercises on Vieques, slowing its momentum and creating disunity.

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Stop-loss order affects 622 airmen in Europe

Stars and Stripes

Preliminary figures indicate that 622 airmen in U.S. Air Forces Europe will be affected by a recent order to keep service-members in the military as long as they're needed.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the services they could take advantage of a stop-loss order that effectively keeps troops who were due to leave the service from exiting.

The Air Force decided to use the order across the board, making exemptions in only a few areas. Exemptions included personal hardship, those who already shipped household goods to the States and those on terminal leave.

The Army and Navy decided against using the measure, which keeps those who are retiring or otherwise agreeably separating from the service from leaving.

USAFE originally identified

892 airmen who might be affected by the policy. But 270 of them qualified for the exemptions.

Officials said last week that additional waivers on a case-by-case basis were a possibility. But it wasn't known Monday how many of the 622 airmen might be interested in applying for such a waiver — or the likelihood of getting it approved.

Master Sgt. Kevin Brown, the superintendent of personnel support at USAFE headquarters, said Monday the Air Force likely will issue a list in the future that exempts specific job titles. So those who are in job titles where the service feels it has adequate numbers would be able to leave.

But Brown said that list likely won't come for several weeks, because each command has been told to submit lists on needed job titles to the Air Force Personnel Center.

Success: Capturing bin Laden won't end terroristic threats

SUCCESS, FROM PAGE 4

Intelligence also is important in any victory, he said. Although a Pentagon delegation visited Pakistan last week to share intelligence information on the Taliban and terrorist cells in Afghanistan, Gul said he doesn't believe the Pakistani military can offer more than what the United States already knows.

"We have been sharing that information, but now, in a situation like this, it will be exceedingly difficult to get the information that the Americans are looking for: the location of Osama bin Laden or so-called terrorist camps.

"We can't now reach out to their inner sanctums," he added. "It is [a] contradictory demand. On the one hand, Pakistan has to distance itself from Taliban. So, decisions have been made to withdraw their connections. How are they going to get the information? I don't know. It's very contradictory."

Although the United States helped Afghanistan drive the Soviet Union out more than a decade ago, the Taliban forces also have beefed up their military arsenal. They have more than just ordinary shoulder-fired weapons.

"They didn't have tanks and guns and things like that. Which they have now," Gul said. "They didn't have Stinger missiles. Now, they have Stingers. Hundreds of them. They want to break America. There's no doubt in my mind."

Shireen Mazari, director general of The Institute of Strategic Studies, said even if the United States gets bin Laden, it will not likely get the people in his network. They could easily step in and take over at the top.

"Even if you get Osama, you will not get the people who he allegedly trained, because everybody has dispersed," she said.



SCOTT SCHONAUER/Stars and Stripes

A street vendor in Peshawar, Pakistan, holds up a T-shirt that calls for a holy war against the United States. The shirts cost less than \$2.

And finding them is almost impossible.

"What are you going to do?" she said. "Go into Afghanistan and hunt? Look at people from faces to faces, person to person? It's very difficult. In that case, the job has now become almost impossible."

Lt. Gen. Talat Masood, a freelance columnist and former defense secretary of production, said the fight against terrorism has to include more than just conventional military forces.

"To achieve the real objective of removing terrorism," he said, "it would have to be a combination of ... all elements economic, political and social as well as the military in order to flush the terrorism out."

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Attack on America

Saudi-based servicemembers show support



Courtesy U.S. Army

Soldiers, airmen and civilians stationed in Saudi Arabia come together to sign banners of support to send to victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and their families in the United States. Two banners — one for New York and one for Washington, D.C. — were designed and taken to the embroidery shop on base, where the 50 stars and 13 stripes of the American flag were sewn onto the eight-foot banners. People donated money to have the banners made and to pay for postage.

Officials won't confirm arrests, other reports

Stars and Stripes

Reports of suspected terrorists have surfaced recently in several German media outlets. But, so far, neither U.S. military or German law enforcement authorities have much to say about them.

The Associated Press reported Sunday that German authorities had arrested three men — one from Turkey and two from Yemen — in Wiesbaden, confiscating weapons, large amounts of cash and forged documents.

A statement issued by the federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe said the three were suspected of plotting attacks in Germany. It did not say whether U.S. military installations, such as those in Wiesbaden, were potential targets. Attempts by Stars and Stripes to get more information from the office Monday were not successful.

An official from the U.S. European Command said he knew nothing of the report.

The German newsmagazine Focus has also reported several other arrests or investigations taking place in Germany.

It reported that authorities arrested an unidentified man at the Frankfurt International Airport that was on the FBI's watch list. The man, who was not identified, was reportedly on his way to Dallas, according to officials who were also not identified.

It also reported that two men resembling Arabs were reportedly using a camera to film outside Ramstein Air Base on Sept. 26. It cited a fax from the *Bundeskriminalamt*, Germany's version of the FBI, for the report. But officials at the 86th Airlift Wing and German police in Kaiserslautern said Monday they knew nothing about the alleged incident.

Focus also reported that men in a car had been seen Sept. 23 filming a nuclear power plant in Oberrhein, which is east of Heidelberg. That information was also reportedly obtained from the *Bundeskriminalamt*.

Powell: Mission's gray areas go against doctrine

POWELL, FROM PAGE 1

According to Powell's 1995 autobiography, "My American Journey," the doctrine grew out of his experiences as a young Army officer in Vietnam. He and most of his fellow military officers believed that limitations imposed by politicians prevented U.S. troops from winning that conflict.

Powell vowed that if he ever rose to a position powerful enough to influence an administration, he would never allow the same thing to happen to soldiers under his command.

"Many of my generation [of Vietnam-era officers] vowed that when our turn came to call the shots, we would not quietly acquiesce in halfhearted warfare for half-baked reasons that the American people could not understand," he wrote.

According to the doctrine, troops should not be sent into battle unless the following conditions are met:

- There are clearly stated political objectives

- There is a clear exit strategy and a timetable to make that exit happen

- Congress and the administration have fully committed to provide the resources to give U.S. forces overwhelming superiority

- "When the political objective is important," Powell wrote in the Winter 1992 edition of *Foreign Affairs*, "clearly defined and understood, when the risks are acceptable, and when the use of force can be effectively combined with diplomatic and economic policies, then clear and unambiguous objectives must be given to the armed forces."

"These objectives must be firmly linked with the political objectives. We must not, for example, send military forces into a crisis

The Powell Doctrine

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- There is a clear exit strategy and a timetable to make that exit happen

- Congress and the administration have fully committed to provide the resources to give U.S. forces overwhelming superiority

- The American public fully supports the campaign

with an unclear mission they cannot accomplish."

The Gulf War became the Powell Doctrine's proving ground. That conflict turned out to be a textbook case of how the doctrine works, military officers said.

"After Desert Storm, [serving military officers] sat down and said 'We'll never do it any other way,'" said an Army colonel who was a war planner in Bahrain during the conflict. "It was obvious to those of us who were still stinging under the Vietnam legacy that [Powell] had hit the nail on the head."

The retired Marine colonel agreed.

The Powell Doctrine "was the Alpha and the Omega for all future conflicts," he said. "It worked; we saw it work, and we all felt it would work again, and anyone [in a future presidential administration] who decided otherwise would be an [idiot]. But none of us could have ever imagined [the attacks] coming."

"Now it's a whole different ball-



JOE MARQUETTE/The Associated Press

The military doctrine penned by Secretary of State Colin Powell has been veritably tossed aside in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

game, and I really feel for those poor [people] trying to put this one together," he said.

A different kind of war

Powell's tenets simply don't fit this contingency, which is different from anything envisioned by even the most forward-thinking strategist, Rumsfeld said.

"What we are engaged in is very different from the kinds of things people think of when they think of war campaigns," Rumsfeld said

Sept. 20. "It's very different from embarking on a campaign on a specific country at a specific time for a specific purpose."

The war on terrorism will be like nothing the United States has ever seen before, Rumsfeld said.

"I discourage people from trying to draw parallels behind previous campaigns and this one," Rumsfeld said. "It's not helpful."

Retired Rear Adm. Michael McDevitt, director of strategic studies at the CNA Corp. in Alexandria, Va., and former Comman-

dant of the National War College, said that trying to force the war on terrorism into Powell's doctrinal box is a mistake.

"The Powell doctrine was probably the right approach for thinking about something on the scale of Vietnam or Desert Storm — a major campaign with thousands of troops," McDevitt said. But "if there's one thing we've learned over half a century, it is that the use of military force in short of a major regional fight is replete with uncertainties as to when you'll come home."

Rumsfeld has been careful not to rule out land warfare, saying the Pentagon is positioning troops to prepare for whatever mission Bush decides is appropriate.

On Sept. 30, however, Rumsfeld dismissed "the idea of a conventional ground effort in that country [Afghanistan] when you're looking for a needle in a haystack."

"Unconventional approaches are much more appropriate" in trying to root out terrorists in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld said.

In a Sept. 26 editorial, *Weekly Standard* editor William Kristol suggested the Powell doctrine has not changed, but instead "has gone global."

Instead of asking for just American support and using only a U.S.-based concept of what the goal and end-state in this war should be — as demanded in the Powell approach — perhaps the entire world community should become involved in defining the same points, Kristol suggested.

"Talk of war might fracture the global coalition that we have assembled," Kristol said. "That coalition is key to this war against terror — as long as it never becomes an actual war."

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Attack on America

A peaceful walk past warplanes



BURHAN OZBILICI/The Associated Press

Female farmers walk near three U.S. Air Force F-16 fighters and a Navy radar-jamming plane awaiting take-off at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, on Monday. The base hosts roughly 50 U.S. and British warplanes patrolling a no-fly zone over northern Iraq. It has been on alert since the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11.

4 suspects nabbed in Bosnia

BY IVANA AVRAMOVIC

Bosnia bureau

TUZLA, Bosnia and Herzegovina — Four people were arrested last Tuesday and Wednesday near Sarajevo for suspected support of terrorist activities, Stabilization Force officials said Monday.

Two suspects were arrested Tuesday at a hotel in Ilidza, near Sarajevo. The other suspects were arrested Wednesday near the Saudi High Commission for Relief.

Capt. Joseph Macry, a spokesman for Sarajevo's Coalition Press Information Center, would not reveal the names or nationalities of the suspects. He did not release further details, but Bosnian television said Sunday night that two of the four were foreign citizens and the other two were Bosnians.

Bosnian television identified the two Bosnian suspects as Nihad Karcic and Armin Harbaus and said they were employed by the Saudi humanitarian organization Makath. According to the report, SFOR

also seized documents, computers and a safe containing about \$60,000 from the organization's office. No illegal weapons or ammunition were found.

Also on Wednesday, two people were arrested at Visoko airfield, about 13 miles west of Sarajevo.

During an unannounced inspection, "a battalion-size task force" found two pistols, a rifle, and three hand grenades, an official said. The inspection was conducted because of reports of illegal weapons. Macry would not comment on whether SFOR expected to find more weapons at the site.

The two suspects were released after questioning. Macry said if charges were to be filed against the two, they would come from the Bosnian Ministry of Interior.

He also said the two were not believed to be related to the suspected terrorists.

The four arrested for suspected terrorist support are being held on SFOR bases.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Kitty Hawk moors, sails again in 1 day

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
Stars and Stripes

After a short return to its homeport at Yokosuka, Japan, the USS Kitty Hawk went back to sea Monday morning. The 40-year-old aircraft carrier came in early Sunday after spending nine days at sea. Supply operations continued through the night, and the ship was pushed back from the dock around 10 a.m. Monday.

The carrier departed Yokosuka Naval Base "to support tasking in response to Operation Enduring Freedom," said Navy spokesman Hidemi Nagao, referring to the code

name of the U.S. military campaign against perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks. He declined to elaborate.

However, several sources from the ship said the carrier had participated in practice maneuvers and gone through a series of sea trials after a long period of repairs. The ship is scheduled for its regular fall deployment later this month.

On Sunday, the carrier was heavily guarded on its return to Yokosuka, escorted by about 24 Japanese coast guard and U.S. military vessels and several helicopters. There was a similar scene Monday as the ship pulled out into cloudy and rainy weather.

News reports last week had the carrier headed for the In-

dian Ocean, but U.S. Navy officials confirmed it was conducting airplane takeoff-and-landing drills in the western Pacific Ocean. The 1,069-foot ship can operate as many as 80 aircraft from Carrier Air Wing Five, based out of Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan.

When joined by its air wing, the 86,000-ton, conventionally powered Kitty Hawk becomes home to more than 5,500 sailors and naval aviators. It is one of 11 U.S. vessels stationed at Yokosuka, about 28 miles southwest of Tokyo, and is home to the commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Inside a Battle Group

The Theodore Roosevelt battle group, made up of 14 ships and more than 15,000 Marines and sailors, is en route to the Mediterranean Sea. It will join two similar groups in the region, the Carl Vinson battle group and the Enterprise battle group. The Kitty Hawk returned to its home port of Yokosuka, Japan, on Sunday, but was under way again by Monday morning "to support tasking in response to Operation Enduring Freedom," a Navy spokesman said. The composition of battle groups may vary, depending on the mission, but these are the elements of the Roosevelt group:

Battle Group Components

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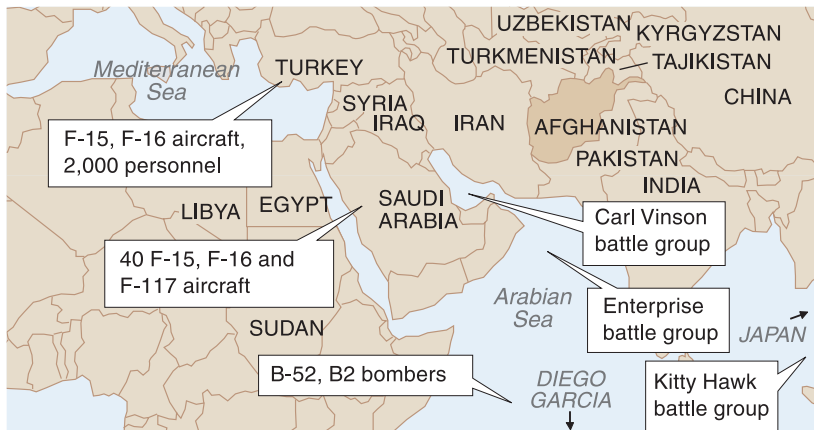
NOTE: Battle group components not drawn to scale

Destroyer Squadron 28

Four destroyers assume multiple missions, including anti-submarine, -air and -surface duty; Tomahawk cruise missile-capable. One frigate protects other group ships.

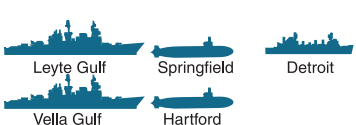


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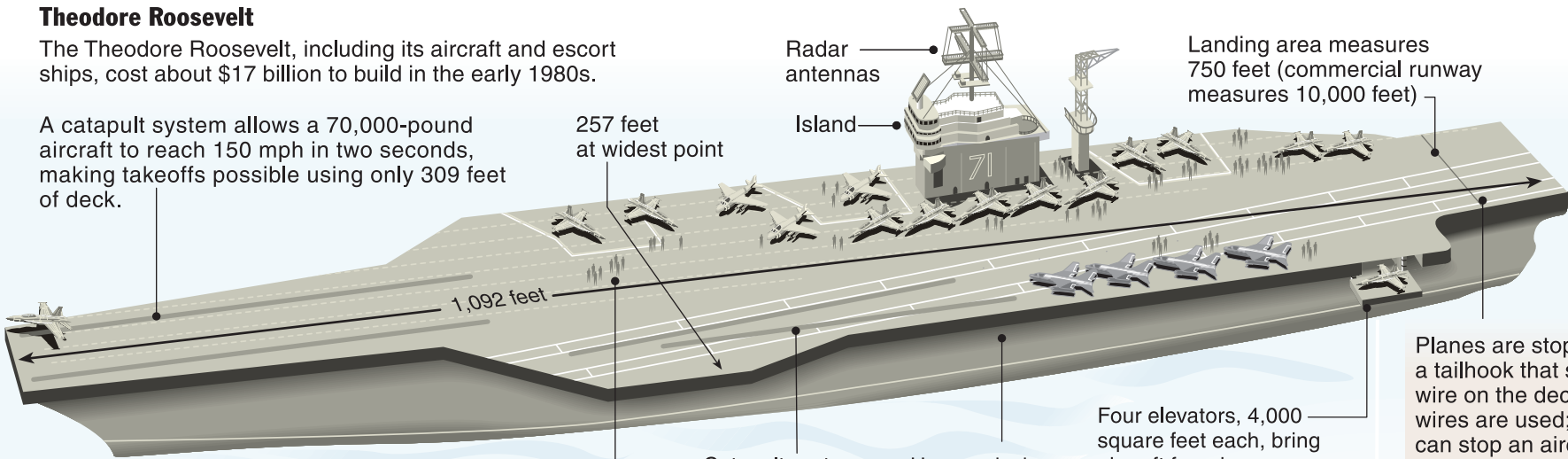
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Each crew wears color-coded shirts according to function:

Yellow controls deck
Green operates catapult

Brown inspects, services planes
Blue chains planes down

Purple handles fuel
Red are weapons handlers, firefighters

White controls safety

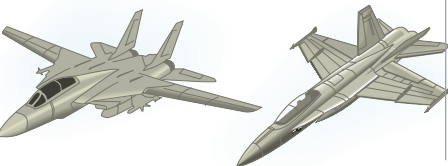
Planes are stopped by a tailhook that snags a wire on the deck. Four wires are used; each can stop an aircraft going 150 mph within 315 feet in two seconds.

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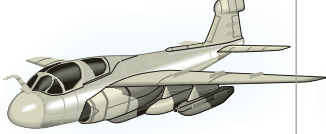
Air Wing One

The planes that make up Air Wing One and their roles (not depicted, E2-C Hawkeye early warning aircraft):

Fighters, including F-14 Tomcats (left) and F/A-18 Hornets, perform close-air support for troops, air-to-air combat or deliver ordnance.



EA-6B Prowlers jam radar, electronic data links and other communications.



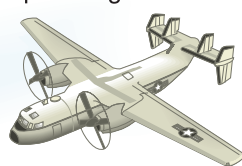
S-3B Vikings assume several roles, including group protection, offensive or refueling missions.



SH-60 Seahawk helicopters perform anti-submarine warfare, search and rescue or special missions.



C-2A Greyhounds fly support missions such as supplying parts, mail and passengers.



Sources: Naval Surface Forces, Atlantic; Naval Air Forces, Atlantic; Camp Lejeune; U.S. Navy 2nd Fleet; U.S. Navy Fact File; 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit; Academic American Encyclopedia, www.spear.navy.mil/tr/

IN THE MILITARY

U.S. continues crucial role in Macedonia

BY TERRY BOYD

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PETROVAC, Macedonia — Though details are far from final, the U.S. may again play a supporting role — albeit a crucial one — in Operation Amber Fox, the second Macedonian peace mission in two months.

Task Force Fox will provide security for monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union and the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees. Non-governmental groups will monitor the return of Macedonian military and police into areas held by Albanian guerrilla groups, which reportedly are now disbanding.

There will be no American soldiers on the ground for Task Force Fox, said Mark Laity, the NATO civilian spokesman in Skopje.

"I know that there's been some comment — unfairly — about Americans not having forces on the ground," Laity said during a Sunday press conference. He said logistic support the U.S. supplied, especially helicopters, during the recently completed Task Force Harvest "were fundamental to the mission. Maybe not as visible, but fundamental."

As Operation Amber Fox began to take shape this weekend, U.N. officials said American soldiers at Camp Able Sentry would repeat their roles in Task Force Harvest, which ended Wednesday.

But the American officer who oversees operating agreements between the U.S. and allies says that it's still too early to know just what contribution — if any — American troops will make.

"As of today, no one has signed us up for anything," said Maj. John Hauck, multinational support officer at Able Sentry. That said, American soldiers suspect



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A British soldier acts as a ground guide for a U.S. Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter during Operation Essential Harvest in Petrovec, Macedonia. Ethnic Albanian guerrillas surrendered about 3,300 weapons. American officials foresee providing airlift assistance for Operation Amber Fox, but the details are far from complete.

that their role will basically be a reflection of what it was in Harvest. But until he gets orders, "we are not in the picture," Hauck said.

That could change after a meeting in Bonn, Germany, on Monday. By Wednesday, U.S. officials expect a clearer definition of a U.S. role in Task Force Fox.

American officials want to get the operation completed before

Macedonian national elections scheduled for late October, in order to reduce the NATO influence here.

As of Sunday, the plan was for Task Force Fox to put no more than 1,000 soldiers, including about 700 German troops, on the ground. The German headquarters will have about 150 people. But one of the major differences is that German troops plan to pro-

vide their own helicopter transport, unlike the British, who depended on U.S. helicopters during Task Force Harvest.

Operation Amber Fox is the latest international effort to keep Macedonia from slipping into civil war. The tension has decreased dramatically in recent weeks after the Macedonian parliament enacted a number of reforms, giving the Albanian minority more rights.

Now, the guerrillas are demanding amnesty and integration back into Macedonian society. Task Force Fox soldiers will act as liaisons between monitors and the Macedonian government, and provide medical evacuation for monitors in emergency situations, said German Brig. Gen. Heinz-Georg Keerl, Task Force Fox commander.

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Doing 'the 'ER' thing'

During Poland exercises, U.S. medics apply skills while gaining real-life experience

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DRAWSKO POMORSKI, Poland — As V Corps kicks off its Victory Strike II exercise in Poland, flying medics of the 236th Medical Company have tested their evacuation skills — in real-life situations.

Black Hawk medical helicopters — known as Dustoffs — flew five U.S. soldiers to a nearby Polish army hospital in the past two weeks.

And on Sunday afternoon, an aircrew got a chance to help some locals when they were called to a two-car accident.

Just after 4 p.m., Spc. Jimmy Rasche, 28, a flight medic from Slidell, La., scrambled aboard a waiting Black Hawk helicopter with fellow medic, Staff Sgt. Douglas Schwab. Within 10 minutes, their helicopter touched down near the crash. Adrena-

lin kicked in as Rasche and Schwab jumped out and took over from Polish medics on scene.

"They kind of backed off," Rasche said of the Polish ambulance crew. "Like, the people who really knew what to do had come."

Firefighters cut the roof off a little orange car to extract two patients, Radoslaw Halabuda, 19, who had a fractured pelvis, and Andrzej Rekawek, 22, who suffered severe head injuries.

"Seeing his [Rekawek's] injuries, I knew what was going on," Rasche said. "The hospital was too far. If they would have ground evacuated, he would have died."

Each crewmember has seen his share of gore airlifting critical patients in Kosovo. Pilots Lt. Casey Howard, 25, of Albany, Ore., and Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Adams, 29, of Phoenix, Ariz., kept the main

rotor spinning as crew chief Sgt. Brian Beury, 27, of Chambersburg, Pa., helped load the patients.

"We did the 'ER' thing, like you would see on TV," Beury said. "Good mission."

Within 18 minutes, the crew flew 60 kilometers and unloaded the two Poles at the 107th Polish Military Hospital. Schwab worked with Polish doctors to revive Rekawek. Unfortunately, doctors said he slipped into a coma Monday and had only a short time to live.

From a hospital window, Spc. Peter Agibigi, 23, of Queens, N.Y., watched the medics arrive on Sunday. Agibigi, an Apache crew chief with the Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, of the 1st Infantry Division, was admitted Saturday after suffering from stomach pains.

"The whole time I've been a celebrity. I guess they don't get too many black people

around here," said Agibigi of the staff of Polish doctors and nurses.

A few doors down from Agibigi, Sgt. Dominick Kepa, 27, of Philadelphia, Pa., rested with a broken leg he suffered sliding down a fast rope from a Black Hawk helicopter.

None of the five soldiers evacuated since Sept. 14 were in serious condition, medics said. One soldier went into shock that blocked his airway after eating peanuts, one needed his appendix removed and another suffered kidney stones, they said.

Each situation geared medics toward applying their skills in combat.

"It's sad to look at these as training events when people are hurt, but it's the best thing for our guys to learn," Howard said. "The biggest satisfaction comes when the crew works together and makes people's lives better."

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Germans inducted into St. Michael's order

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BAMBERG, Germany — Military police from the 793rd Military Police Battalion and 279th Base Support Battalion Provost Marshal Office honored members of the Bamberg military community recently.

The honorees were inducted into the Bamberg Chapter of the Honorable Order of St. Michael, which began here in 1999.

The order, named after the patron saint of law enforcement, honors people who make a significant contribution to both law enforcement and their community, said Capt. Ramon Collazo, 279th's provost marshal.

Police welcome community contributors

The Bamberg chapter is one of many — former Bamberg military police members started chapters at the various installations after they transferred to the States, said Staff Sgt. Nathan Brookshire, who was one of the first members.

To become a member, a person must be recommended by an existing member. Brookshire recommended Anita Von Wahlberg, who has been a clerk with the Installation Pass Office for a one year.

"With force protection levels increased, she has done a lot of work to help us revise our [proce-

dures]," Brookshire said. "The pass office workload is up 65 percent. She also fills in as an interpreter and works with the local Polizei. As far as contributing to law enforcement, she plays a very important role."

Wahlberg, a Bamberg native, was inducted into the order at a Sept. 21 ceremony, which was at the Geichburg castle in Schesslitz, just outside of Bamberg.

"I was honored, of course," Von Wahlberg said. "This is important to me because I've worked with this organization for one year, and it was a pleasure for me to be invited to join [the order]."

Because of the active role the military police play in the increased force protection levels, the event almost didn't happen.

"We were holding out until the last minute to decide whether or not to go through with it," Collazo said. "There was a proposal to cancel it."

"This time, we were very aware of the events that happened in the States. Everyone wanted to be united. We wanted to continue with the event and recognize law enforcement and the people who support law enforcement."

The 793rd MP Battalion com-

mander, Lt. Col. Kenneth Ward, was the guest speaker at the event.

"I have no doubt that St. Michael, heaven's glorious commissioner of police, is not only looking down upon us right now, but awaiting our next move so that he may be with us," Ward said in his speech. "Much is expected of you today, for you to be ready to protect the faithful from those who would do harm."

In all 23 people were inducted into the order — they included members of the 793rd MP Battalion, 279th Base Support Battalion, Installation Chaplain's Office and Directorate of Public Works.

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Land mine death

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A Serb woman was killed Sunday after stepping on a land mine as she worked on her farm in Kosovo, the Belgrade-based Beta news agency reported, citing Serb sources in the southern NATO-run province.

The woman was identified as Stana Mirkovic, 50, from the village of Klokot, 25 miles southeast of the provincial capital, Pristina. The village is one of few remaining Serb settlements in Kosovo's southeast, where the population is overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian.

As part of a peace agreement that ended NATO's 1999 air war against Yugoslavia — launched to halt former President Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on separatist ethnic Albanians in Kosovo — the southern province is now run by a U.N. mission and NATO troops.

But it is still believed to be strewn with land mines and other ordnance left after the conflict there.

6 Croats arrested

ZAGREB, Croatia — Police said Friday they have arrested six former military officials on suspicion that they tortured and killed ethnic Serb prisoners during Croatia's 1991 war for independence.

The suspects, who were not identified, were arrested late Thursday in the southern coastal city of Split, police said in a report. The arrests came after investigations by a district court indicated their alleged involvement in the fatal beatings of at least two Serbs in the military prison Lora in Split during 1992.

Croatian media have long speculated that ethnic Serbs suspected of subversive activities were beaten and killed during a minority Serb rebellion against Croatia's independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991.

From The Associated Press



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This image taken from video released by the U.S. Navy on Sept. 17 in Honolulu shows damage to the port side stern of the Ehime Maru, the Japanese fishing vessel that was rammed from below by the surfacing submarine USS Greenville on Feb. 9.

Support ship fitted for new equipment to aid in salvage of sunken Ehime Maru

HONOLULU — The construction support ship working to lift a Japanese fishing vessel sunk by a U.S. submarine returned to port Saturday to be outfitted with the equipment that will distribute the Ehime Maru's weight as it is towed to shallower water, the Navy said.

The Rockwater 2 will spend three days in port to install the lifting-and-spreader assembly, which will be suspended above the Ehime Maru to distribute the fishing vessel's weight as it is lifted from its 2,000-foot depth and towed to a shallow water spot near the Honolulu International Airport.

Time estimates detailed in the Navy's news release Saturday put the actual transport of the Ehime Maru in mid-October, more than a month after than the initial estimate given when the recovery operation, since hampered by setbacks, began in July.

The Ehime Maru sank after being rammed by the USS Greenville 9 miles south of Diamond Head during a rapid-surfacing drill on Feb. 9. The Navy wants to move the vessel closer to shore so divers can search for the bodies of nine men and teen-age boys who were killed in the sinking.

The unprecedented undertaking, initially expected to cost \$40 million, has cost more than \$60 million as the Navy has encountered a series of obstacles in rigging the 190-foot ship for the move.

The lifting-and-spreader assembly is comprised of a top and bottom frame.

Engineers will install the top frame, or lifting bar, beneath the Rockwater 2 while in port, then move to a sheltered area at sea where the bottom frame, or spreader assembly, will be fastened to the top frame.

Once completed, the Rockwater 2 will return to the deep-water site to lift Ehime Maru and reposition it on a level area of sea floor, an operation the Navy estimates will take six days.

The bow of the ship will then be lifted again to move the forward lifting plate into place under the hull in the vicinity of the pilothouse, which the Navy estimates will take one day.

The Rockwater 2 will then return to port for another three days to re-rig the forward end of the top lifting frame from a single cable to a double cable lift configuration before returning the recovery site.

The Rockwater 2 will then connect the top and bottom frames and lift and tow the Ehime Maru about 12 miles to the 115-foot waters near the airport, depending on favorable weather conditions. Once there, divers will search for the remains.